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Title: RECLAMATION OF MATERIALS IN A CLOSED ENVIRONMENT WITH  
REMEDIAL WATER

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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This is in Response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003 (Paper No. 7). Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are required. In the event this is not correct, applicants request such extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Applicant herewith provisionally elects, without prejudice or disclaimer, the claims of Group IIc, claims 29-32, drawn to a method for reclaiming dredged material.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

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Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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